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Dkt. 49034-AA-PCT-US/JPW/AJM/MVM

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ira Tabas et al.
Serial No. : 10/646,412
Filing Date : August 22, 2003.
For : METHOD FOR TREATING A SUBJECT SUFFERING FROM
CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH AN EXTRACELLULAR
ZINC SPHINGOMYELINASE

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Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL OF VERIFIED STATEMENTS
(DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) AND §1.27(d) AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

A filing fee of \$926.00 was originally paid in connection with the filing of the above-identified patent application on August 22, 2003. The corresponding fee for a small entity is \$463.00. The deadline for making a request for refund is three months after the August 22, 2003 filing date, i.e. November 22, 2003. Since November 22, 2003 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Monday, November 24, 2003, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Transmittal is being timely filed. All rights in the United States under this application are either assigned or licensed to a small entity and this request is being timely made. A refund in the amount of \$463.00 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a) and §1.26. This refund should be credited to Deposit Account No. 03-3125 under Docket No. 49034-AA-PCT-US.

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In support of this request for a refund, applicants submit herewith the following: (1) a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27(d) (Non-Profit Organization) signed by Michael J. Cleare, Ph.D. for The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York (**Exhibit A**); and (2) a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27(d) (Non-Profit Organization) signed by Steven E. McKenzie, M.D., Ph.D. for Thomas Jefferson University (**Exhibit B**). The Statements are signed by the authorized officials of the entities who have rights in the subject application, namely The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York and Thomas Jefferson University.

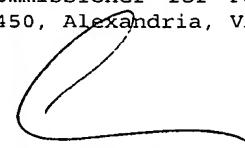
No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Transmittal. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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Applicant or Patentee: Ira Tabas et al. Attorney's 0575/49034-AA-
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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f)
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I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive each individual, concern, or organization known to have rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d)* or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e)*

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Name: Thomas Jefferson University
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 Individual Small Business Concern Nonprofit Organization

37 C.F.R. §§1.9(d), 1.9(e)

(d) A small business concern as used in this chapter means any business concern as defined by the Small Business Administration in 13 C.F.R. §121.3-18, published on September 30, 1982 at 47 FR 43273. For the convenience of the users of these regulations, that definition states:

§121.3-18 Definition of small business for paying reduced patent fees under Title 35, U.S. Code.

(a) Pursuant to Pub. L. 97-247, a small business concern for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S. Code 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office means any business concern (1) whose number of employees, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons and (2) which has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a nonprofit organization under this section. For the purpose of this section concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both. The number of employees of the business concern is the average over the fiscal year of the persons employed during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year. Employees are those persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during the previous fiscal year of the concern.

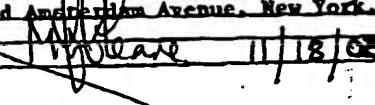
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Title in Organization: Executive Director - Columbia Innovation Enterprise
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West 120th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10027
Signature: 
Date Of Signature: 11/18/03

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Date Of Signature: November 16, 2003

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